

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Short-Lived Rebellion in Portugal.

Futile Attempt to Found a Republic.

The Irish Situation—Grand Success of Sir Arthur Sullivan's New Opera.

Oporto, January 31.—Three regiments of infantry comprising a portion of the garrison, openly revolted today, the alleged object of the mutineers being to establish a republic.

Rebels and loyalists fought in the streets and many were killed on both sides. Citizens barricaded their houses. Troops were sent in from various points. Shortly after the beginning of the revolt the insurgent troops and a portion of the fiscal guards seized the city hall and proposed to there and then declare a republic. A strong body of loyal troops laid siege to the building and, after a bombardment, a spirited charge settled the insurgents. The insurgents will be tried by court martial and probably the ringleaders will be shot.

This evening the city is rejoicing. Store keepers have thrown down the barricades from their windows and doors and everybody is congratulating everybody else.

The insurgents, to the number of 400, assembled at 4 o'clock this morning and, with much cheering, paraded the principal streets. They made an attempt to seize the prefecture of police and the central telegraphic office. Their plans, however, were frustrated by the Municipal Guard. The general in command summoned the local troops, when the civilians supporting the rebels dispersed. The latter then proceeded to Hotel Del Valle, fortifying the structure to the best of their ability, but, lacking ammunition, speedily submitted in response to artillery.

Six or seven officers of inferior grade took part in the revolt, which was of a distinctly republican character. The civilian leader was Alveiz Veiga, a lawyer. Veiga formed a Republican directorate consisting of Senhor Freitas, a member of the High Court, Soares, a member of the High Court, and a member of the High Court, Prof. Silva and a member of the High Court, when the town hall was captured.

Three soldiers and four civilians, not including women, were killed during the fighting and thirty-six soldiers and ten civilians wounded.

Under direction of the authorities the offices and printing rooms of all republican journals were raided and all documents found in the places were seized. All persons found on the premises were taken into custody and the buildings placed in charge of the militia.

THE IRISH TENANTAY.

Discussion of the Situation in the House of Commons.

LONDON, January 31.—Shaw-Lefevre, Liberal, moved in the Commons today that the government use its influence in favor of a settlement by arbitration of the disputes between tenants and landlords.

A protracted debate ensued, in the course of which Balfour spoke of the plan of campaign. The tenants had said that a remedy in the land courts for excessive rent, but had not availed themselves of it. The motion was finally rejected by 203 to 165.

During Balfour's speech, Dr. Tanner created much confusion by calling Balfour a "canting snob." Ferguson, Foreign Secretary, referring to the arrival of the new Chief Justice at Samoa, said he hoped the high commissioner for the Western Pacific would be able to issue the necessary regulations for enforcing the final act of the Samoan conference as far as British subjects are concerned. The powers had agreed to nominate a President for the municipal council at Samoa.

A GRAND PRODUCTION.

Undoubted Success of Sir Arthur Sullivan's New Opera.

LONDON, January 31.—Sir Arthur Sullivan's grand opera, "Ivanhoe," was produced tonight at the new Opera House. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh were present. It was a superb performance and the artistic merit of the production was never equalled on any London stage, except the Lyceum.

The libretto, which was written by Sturgis, follows the plot of the novel very closely. Nothing Sir Arthur Sullivan has written before approaches "Ivanhoe" in brilliancy, virility and breadth of individual style. The piece is an undoubted success.

A Warm Greeting to Parnell.

DUBLIN, January 31.—Parnell received a perfect ovation at every stop the train made on the route to Kells, where he is to speak tomorrow. At each place he delivered a brief speech to the crowds, expressing the belief that the present split in the Irish party could be productive of good results.

A RAILROAD WRECK.

Rear-End Collision in the Streets of the Lake City.

CHICAGO, January 31.—A serious accident occurred at Thirty-Fifth street and Stewart avenue this morning.

A Chicago & Eastern Illinois suburban train was blocked at Thirty-first street by a freight train, and while laying there a Chicago & Erie accommodation

came up at a high rate of speed, and, not noticing the Eastern Illinois in the dense fog, dashed into the rear coach.

A terrible panic prevailed for a while. R. G. Adena was killed, Frank Rosenbaum, engineer, and John Ziegler, a passenger in the suburban, were fatally injured; Lizzie Steinmetz, L. C. Wines, J. M. White, Mrs. E. G. Williams, J. H. Hubbard and V. Major were seriously hurt. There appears to have been no attempt on the part of the Eastern Illinois trainmen to look out for danger in the rear while they were delayed.

A MOUNTAIN WAR.

Serious Aspect of a Feud in West Virginia—Several Killed.

CLARKESBURG, W. Va., January 31.—What promises to be a serious mountain war began Wednesday night in Doddridge County.

A man named Perkins was arrested on the charge of seduction. A mob headed by Mose Smith liberated the prisoner. The officers summoned a posse who fatally shot Smith and his son-in-law, Cottrell. The fire was returned, killing Chief Deputy Goskins, Deputy Ramsey was cut severely. Smith was finally captured and taken to prison. Perkins has not been apprehended. Fifteen warrants were issued and the sheriff, accompanied by many assistants, has gone to execute them. It is reported that the mountaineers are all heavily armed.

BREKING FUR SEALS.

Argument of an Important Question in Natural History.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 31.—James G. Swan, of Port Townsend, has obtained and published the affidavits of a number of settlers that fur seals are born along the coast and that the pups swim as soon as born.

If this can be proven it is said it will change the whole of the Behring Sea controversy, as it is claimed the fur seals breed only on the islands and that the species would be exterminated if hunters were not excluded from Behring Sea. Judge Swan offers to prove the truth of his statement to Congress. Fur seals were never so abundant at Cape Flattery as now; they are found in myriads and Indians are killing them by hundreds.

A CURIOUS CONSPIRACY.

Working up a County Seat Boom in Western Texas.

FORT WORTH, Tex., January 31.—This city was excited yesterday over a report that the town of Wellington had been burned by 1,000 Kiowa Indians, and thirty of its citizens scalped.

Troops gathered here from neighboring towns and were about to start for Wellington, when the county seat would be moved to the center of the county. The Governor has ordered a full investigation of the affair.

Dissolution of the Canadian Parliament.

VICTORIA, B. C., January 31.—A special to the *Colonist* from Ottawa says it seems to be a settled fact that a dissolution of the Dominion Parliament will take place immediately. The Cabinet met today and Sir John McDonald had a long discussion with the Governor-General. The announcement will be made Monday or Tuesday and a trade policy will probably be issued before the people.

Funeral of a Stock Broker.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 31.—The San Francisco Stock Exchange closed today on account of the funeral of Charles N. Shaw, formerly a member of the firm of Jones & Shaw, and son-in-law of Vice-President Towne, of the Southern Pacific Company, who died a few days ago at Los Angeles. The remains were interred in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland.

Calling for an Accounting.

TOLEDO, January 31.—This afternoon the court granted a motion for the appointment of a receiver for the dissolution of partnership of the firm of Whitney & Tracy, lumber dealers. The firm is one of the largest here, and the announcement has created quite a sensation. E. H. Rhodes was appointed receiver.

Heavily Sentenced Wire Tappers.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 31.—Judge Murphy today sentenced W. J. Fallon and J. W. Nagle, convicted of having tapped the Western Union wires to steal accounts of results of eastern horse races in order to beat the pool rooms. Each was sent to San Quentin for four years. An appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken.

Cholera in Turkey.

BELOIT, Wis., January 31.—A letter from the family of Rev. T. D. Christie, who left Beloit recently to resume missionary work at Marash, Turkey in Asia, tells of a terrible cholera scourge in his city. In that town of 10,000 people, 1,800 deaths have occurred during the past six weeks.

Rumors of Nihilist Plots.

WARSAW, January 31.—Startling rumors are current to the effect that Russian Nihilists are preparing for another coup on March 13, the anniversary of the assassination of the Czar. It is believed they will assassinate some high official. The Russian police are exceedingly vigilant.

A Successful Safe Robbery.

CHICAGO, January 31.—A safe in the office of ex-Mayor Roche was blown open tonight, and \$5,000 in cash carried off by the robbers. The money had been received after banking hours.

Added to Rotten Row.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—Orders have been issued by the Navy Department to put the United States Steamship Swatara out of commission at Mare Island. All her officers are detached.

Swatara is Yet Far From Death.

MAISON CITY, Iowa, January 31.—Lieutenant Swatara is greatly improved. He has regained consciousness and will probably recover.

AROUND THE CAPITOL

No Disclosures About the Silver Pool.

The Elections Bill To Be Abandoned.

Preparing For Secretary Windom's Funeral—A Cable to the Hawaiian Islands.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—J. McDonald, cashier of the Hanover National Bank, appeared before the Silver Pool Investigating Committee this morning and testified he had paid Owenby \$250 for information regarding the progress of silver legislation last session, but Owenby did not furnish any earlier information than published in the newspapers.

John W. Hedenburg, the Chicago real estate dealer referred to in the testimony of Hill and George, said he had talked with members of Congress on the general subject of silver but never with any view to inducing them to purchase. He never suggested to Hill or George in any way that they sell silver certificates to members of Congress. He did not know of the existence of a silver pool. In his conversation with Hill and George they professed to be able to give him information as to the course of legislation, but he did not follow the matter up, as he was not impressed favorably with the men and did not believe them reliable. He went back and forth between here and New York, and Hill and George followed him up to get an engagement. They said it would require a great deal of labor and the expenditure of some money for cigars, saloon charges, etc. Witness did not think much of the information that came through saloons and stood them off. Witness remarked that the expense he had borne to further legislation was legitimate.

Congressman Payson said he never had been approached by Hedenburg, but simply talked to him about silver generally, as to newspaper men and others, purely as curiosity.

Congressman Perkins, of Kansas, made a specific denial of the published intimations that he had any information concerning the alleged pool or that he had influenced the speaker in regard to the appointment of Pelee.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—President Harrison has recalled the invitations for the army and navy reception set for next Tuesday, and Mrs. Harrison's reception of February 7, on account of Secretary Windom's death.

Senators Morrill, Washburn, Sherman, Allen, Harris, Payne and Gorman have been appointed a committee to attend Secretary Windom's funeral next Monday.

The last official business transacted by Secretary Windom was the selection of a site for a public building at Aurora, Ill.

President Harrison today conferred with Attorney General Miller and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Nettleton, in regard to his powers under the statute in making temporary provision for the present vacancy. The conclusion was reached that in case of death of the head of the department next in rank could act for a period of ten days from the death, and no longer.

A meeting of Minnesota's Senators and Representatives, and of citizens of Minnesota residing in Washington, was held today at which appropriate action respecting the death of Secretary Windom, was taken.

A PACIFIC CABLE.

Surveying the Ocean's Bottom to the Hawaiian Islands.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—Senator Dolph today reported favorably from the Naval Committee an amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill, providing for \$50,000 for soundings to be made between San Francisco and Honolulu, to determine the practicability of laying a cable between those points. He also reported favorably from the Committee, an amendment appropriating \$50,000 for establishing a coaling and repair station at Pearl River, Hawaiian Islands.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—It can be stated with positiveness that the managers of the Elections bill have decided to abandon the measure in the interest of the important public business remaining to be acted upon. This decision has been communicated to the Democratic managers.

Urging Free Coinage.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—The National Executive Silver Committee today issued an address to Congress and the people, urging the free and unlimited coinage of silver, referring to the bill passed by the Senate and urging strenuously that it pass the House.

New Marine Commandant.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—The Senate today made the following confirmation: Charles Heywood to be Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps.

A Proposed New Pacific Dockyard.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—A proposed amendment to the Naval bill appropriates \$700,000 for a dry dock at Port Orchard, Washington.

A Flying Cable Car.

KANSAS CITY, January 31.—A cable train on the long and steep incline to the Union depot broke loose this evening and shot down grade at a frightful speed, the brakes failing to work. The grip car jumped the track at the bottom of the incline and the coach behind it smashed it to splinters. Gripman

Boetry was seriously injured. The passengers escaped with bruises and cuts.

RAGING ELEMENTS.

Heavy Hail Storms in the South and West in the Northwest.

NEW ORLEANS, January 31.—Dispatches from San Antonio and other points in Mississippi report severe rain storms, accompanied by hail and high winds. At Canton, Miss., the storm is the worst in twenty years. The town is inundated.

ST. PAUL, January 31.—A severe cold wave, preceded by a blizzard, is reported from many points in Northern Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana. The temperature at some points dropped to twenty degrees below zero. The wave is moving south rapidly.

MISSOULA, Mont., January 31.—The first storm of the season is now raging in Western Montana. There is heavy snow, and the temperature is falling rapidly.

ITALIAN TAXATION.

A Governmental Measure Rejected in the Chamber of Deputies.

ROME, January 31.—In a debate in the Chamber today on spirit taxes, Prime Minister Crispien urged that the taxes proposed by the Government were imperative measures to prevent Italy from falling again to the sorry condition she was as regards foreign powers in 1874.

The conservative members of the Chamber, who were in office in 1874, protested in an uproarious manner, and the Minister of Public Works left the Chamber bench. The bill was rejected by a large majority, and Crispien announced he would resign. It is doubtful if he will be able to reconstruct the cabinet.

A Meeting of Cleveland and Hill.

NEW YORK, January 31.—At a dinner given tonight by the Manhattan Club, Ex-President Cleveland and Governor Hill met for the first time since the centennial banquet two years ago. The guests were all seated when Hill arrived. He bowed to Senator Bowers, then, looking direct at Cleveland, greeted him warmly. The dinner and general conversation were then resumed.

A Heavy Diamond Theft.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 31.—The statement is published that the Diamond Palace here was entered a few nights ago and about \$65,000 worth of jewels taken from a show case. The detectives have kept the matter quiet but have not succeeded in obtaining a clue to the thief.

Valuable Jewels Recovered.

LOS ANGELES, January 31.—Recently L. M. Wagner lost \$12,000 worth of diamonds and other jewels. Today detectives recovered them.

Mexican Stage Robbery.

EL PASO, Tex., January 31.—The stage between Chihuahua and Pinos Altos, Mexico, was held up last night and \$40,000 in silver bullion taken. The highwaymen escaped.

Another Marine Destroyer.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—Secretary Tracy today accepted the Newark and directed that she be placed in commission Monday at Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia.

A VICIOUS ATTACK.

Upon Marshal Blankenship by a Mexican With a Razor.

Last night about 12 o'clock Marshal Blankenship warned a drunken Mexican, on Monroe street to go home or he would lock him up. The fellow lurched off at this, but after going about a block away, reconsidered the matter and came back to where he had left the marshal, near Montezuma street, anxious, apparently, for a fight. The marshal at this was prompt to "gather him in."

They had not proceeded a hundred yards before the man began to struggle in the grasp of the officer, and, whipping out a huge razor, made a vicious slash at his captor's throat. Only a slight wound was inflicted, the collar of a heavy coat stopping the force of the blow. Blankenship defended himself with a light cane, being unable to get at his revolver, and retaining his hold, attempted to disarm the crazy drunkard.

The fellow had slashed upon the officer's forehead considerably when Night Watchman James Blankenship opportunely arrived upon the scene, and, with a well-directed blow with his club, laid the razor-wielder prostrate. The unconscious man was then dragged off to jail, and will appear Monday to answer a charge of murderous assault. It was a close call for the city's Chief of Police.

FREE THOUGHT SOCIETY.

Permanent Organization Effected and Officers Elected.

A well attended meeting of the Maricopa County Free Thought Society was held at the Central Hotel last night for permanent organization and the election of officers. Those elected were President, J. H. Hawkins; Vice-Presidents, J. H. Burger, H. C. Davis, J. K. Murphy, W. C. Collier, Mrs. L. P. Hawkins; Secretary, A. Redewill; Treasurer, J. H. Barker; Executive Committee, Mrs. Sallie D. Hayden, Mrs. Laura Hawley, Miss Laura E. Cone, F. E. Davidson, Chas. T. Hayden. The next meeting of the society will be held Sunday evening, February 8, in the room lately occupied by the L. C. store on Washington street. The subject for discussion will be "The Reviewer Reviewed." Judge L. H. Hawkins, Mrs. Hawkins, F. E. Davidson and others addressing the meeting.

A Promising Property.

Charles Genung came down yesterday from Peoples' Valley. He reports active work beginning in the Yarnell mines. About twenty men have been put to work and are expecting to make extensive developments. The Yarnell is a trachite mine and was bonded by the owners for \$40,000. Diamond Joe Reynolds purchased the bond and is now beginning work. The ore, which is a first stratum of lava, is rich in free gold and the mine has been reported fabulously rich.

THE SUPREME COURT

Stipulation Filed in the Behan Case.

Argument to Be Heard on Monday.

Several Causes Heard Yesterday and Submitted to the Court For Decision.

In the Supreme Court yesterday the case of Blanco, appellant, vs. Parley Smith, appellee, from Yavapai County, was argued and submitted by Mr. Baldwin for appellant, and Mr. Herndon for appellee, and taken under advisement by the Court.

Three cases in the matter of Ana Maria Redondo de Aguerre, deceased, William S. Sturges, appellant, vs. M. G. Samaniego, appellee, case No. 319; in the same matter, appeal of William S. Sturges, from a judgment of the District Court, of Pima County, annulling and vacating an order of the Probate Court of said county, No. 320; in the same matter, appeal of Harriet S. Wright, from a judgment of the District Court of said Pima County, allowing the final account of Pedro Aguerre as administrator of said estate, No. 321 were argued and submitted by C. W. Wright, Esq., for appellant, and Mr. Franklin, of the firm of Jeffords & Franklin, for appellee.

In J. H. Behan et al., appellants, vs. the Territory of Arizona, on the relation of the Attorney-General of the Territory, there was filed in the Court yesterday the following agreed statement of facts:

"Any fact that is disclosed by any public record or archive of the Territory shall be deemed to be proved, and may be used in the argument of this cause as if formal proof thereof had been introduced, and a finding of fact may be based thereon in like manner.

"That the plaintiffs and defendants are residents of the Territory of Arizona.

"That the defendants in the District Court, W. C. Davis, J. S. Robbins, and E. A. Cutter, are now and have been since May 1890, the duly qualified and acting Board of Prison Commissioners of the Territorial Prison of the Territory of Arizona.

"Any fact that is disclosed by the journals of the last Legislature with reference to the case herein, shall be deemed to be proved, and may be used in the argument of this cause as if formal proof thereof had been introduced, and a finding of fact may be based thereon in like manner.

case within the time prescribed by law received commissions proper in form, and duly qualified within the time prescribed by law.

"That on April 1, 1889, Peter Brady, Thomas Halleck and George H. Stevens were the duly qualified and acting Board of Prison Commissioners, and that said Davis, Robbins, and Cutter are the successors in office of Brady, Halleck and Stevens. That on April 1, 1889, the Territory of Arizona was divided into three judicial districts, to-wit: the Northern, Middle and Southern districts, and that the plaintiff Behan was appointed by the Territory as superintendent of the Territorial Prison for the term of two years, so far as they had power to make such appointment.

"That the plaintiff Behan was qualified as required by law, and entered upon his duty as such superintendent, and continued to perform said duties up to and including the 30th day of June, 1889, at which time he was ousted from said office by a judgment of the District Court of the Northern District, in a proceeding brought by the Territory against him under the Usurpation act. The fact of said judgment, as it appears of record, of said Court being admitted.

"That the plaintiff Behan, has received his pay or salary as such superintendent up to and including the 30th day of September, 1889. That since said time he has not received from any source his pay or salary for services, nor has he received the warrant therefor, except the sum of \$653.34, which was paid to him by E. S. Ingalls, which is agreed by the plaintiff, shall be deemed a credit upon any sum that may be found by this Court to be due him.

"That thereafter the said Behan, properly within the time prescribed by law, made and presented to the said Board of Commissioners, consisting of the defendants herein, his requisition and account for the salary for the time he had served, as before mentioned, which account and claim was rejected by the said board, said claim being for the three quarters next succeeding the 30th of September, 1889, and that said Behan refused to approve or allow said account or claim, or any part thereof.

"That on the 6th day of January, A. D., 1890, the Territorial Board of Prison Commissioners, composed of W. C. Davis, John S. Robbins and E. A. Cutter, assumed to meet in regular form at the proper place, and passed and adopted a resolution and recorded the same in the minutes of their proceedings, removing said plaintiff, John H. Behan, from the office of superintendent of the Territorial Prison, and directed him to turn over said office and said prison and all things incident thereto, to E. S. Ingalls, and a copy of said resolution was, on the 7th day of January, A. D., 1890, served upon the said plaintiff, Behan.

"The record of that meeting of the board, nor any previous record thereof, does not disclose that any charges of misconduct had been filed against said Behan, as provided by paragraph 2427 of the Revised Statutes, or that he had been informed or notified of the pendency of any charges against him, or of the intention of the board to remove him.

"On July 7, 1889, the Board of Territorial Prison Commissioners composed of the defendants, assuming to act as the legal Board of Prison Commissioners, at a meeting held by them at a time and place and in the manner prescribed by law, did appoint, so far as they had power so to do, one E. S. Ingalls to the office of superintendent of the Territorial Prison. That said Ingalls was then and ever since has been qualified to hold said office, and he did on said date duly qualify in the manner

required by law, as such superintendent of said Territorial Prison under said appointment. And the said Ingalls did immediately thereafter and after he had so qualified, proceed to the Territorial Prison of said Territory where the duties of said office were required by law to be performed, and demanded of said John H. Behan, who was then in possession and exercising the duties of said office, that he surrender said office to the said Ingalls and permit the said Ingalls to enter upon and discharge the duties thereof. But said Behan then and there refused to surrender said office, or permit said Ingalls to enter upon or discharge the duties thereof, and excluded said Ingalls therefrom until July 5, A. D., 1890.

"That on May 24, 1890, the Governor of the Territory of Arizona appointed F. S. Ingalls to act as the Superintendent of the Territorial Prison, and that he filed his bond and qualified on May 27, 1890, and was commissioned on that day, by the Governor.

"That thereafter, on the day of ———, the Territorial Auditor of said Territory, upon the approval of the said defendant Board of Commissioners, drew upon the Treasurer of said Territory, his warrants for the sum of \$2200, in favor of F. S. Ingalls, being for the three quarters mentioned in the complaint, less a slight reduction made by said Ingalls, which warrants are properly endorsed and countersigned by the Governor. Thereafter this plaintiff applied to the said District Court for an injunction restraining said Treasurer from paying out of the Treasury the amount of said warrants, and that thereupon a temporary restraining order was made by the District Court restraining said Treasurer from paying the same, which order is still in force pending the final determination of that suit.

"That on the day of ——— in several suits begun and determined in the District Court of the Second Judicial District by the Territory upon the relation of the Attorney-General, judgments were rendered against said Halleck, Stevens and Brady, ousting them from said office as members of said board; the fact of which said judgments and the matters disclosed by the records thereof are hereby admitted.

"It is further agreed and understood that if the statement of any fact material or relevant in the consideration of this cause shall have been omitted, either party may resort to any competent evidence or source to supply the same.

"No admission herein shall be deemed to be an admission of a legal or valid appointment, meeting, qualification or other action of any board, power, or officer, if said appointment, meeting, qualification or action be in law invalid or unauthorized."

At the conclusion of the argument in the Aguerre cases, before referred to, the Court rose, to meet on the 2nd day of February, 2 at 10 o'clock a. m. The case will be taken up on the 3rd day.

CAME HOME FEMINISTS.

Another Monte Carlo Victim Turns up in New York.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Alexander Voinin, a prominent and wealthy merchant of Napa City, California, landed in Brooklyn today, as an emigrant from the steamship Burgundia.

Voinin several months ago sailed from New York with several thousand dollars and letters to prominent merchants. He went to Italy and one night was waylaid in the streets of Monte Carlo and robbed of all his money and letters. The assault so feeble him he had to obtain charitable medical attendance. He walked to Nice, where he was placed in jail as a vagrant. On his release he went to Marseilles, whence he was assisted home by the American Consul, Collector Ehrhardt will see that Voinin is sent to California at once.

FRESH GOVERNMENT LAND

Secured by the Conclusion of Litigation With the Southern Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 31.—The history of the long litigation between the Government and the railroad people over the San Benito tract, in Southern California, is over and Register Sheehan, of the land office, is awaiting orders from Washington detailing the procedure to be observed in throwing the land open to the public.

The tract comprises 64 sections, equivalent to 64,000 acres. Letters are pouring in daily from people, especially residents in the southern portion of the State, asking how they can preempt the land. It is said that good Government land is becoming a scarcity, nearly all of the most arable land having been given away.

Redeeming "Darkest England."

LONDON, January 31.—In St. James Hall tonight General Booth launched his scheme for the redemption of "Darkest England," and signed a trust deed dedicating to the uses of the work the money subscribed, and to be subscribed thereafter. The first batch of officers to have charge of the work are to be appointed. Either himself or successor will be supreme dictator of the scheme.

An Investment Company Attached.

KANSAS CITY, January 31.—Attachments have been filed against the Union Investment Company, of this city, by the First National Bank, of Marshall, Mich., and the First National Bank, of Ravenna, O., for sums aggregating \$23,000. The company has a capital stock of \$7,000,000.

A Timber Land Syndicate.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 31.—W. H. Mills, land agent for the Southern Pacific, said today that he had information that a syndicate had been formed for buying up timber lands on the Pacific Coast.

A Large Firm Resumes Business.

PHILADELPHIA, January 31.—Barker Bros. & Co., who assigned a few weeks ago, will resume business Monday, under the firm name of Barker & Co. They have effected a settlement with their creditors.

Eight Persons Poisoned.

DENVER, Tex., January 31.—The family of James Ball, consisting of eight persons, was poisoned this morning by eating bread made with cotton-seed oil. All are seriously ill.

WORK OF CONGRESS

Personal Explanations in the Senate.

A Yuma County Measure Passed.

Democratic Commendations of Secretary Blaine in the House—Diplomatic Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—In the Senate today a joint resolution for the appointment of William Preston Johnston, of Louisiana, on the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institute, in place of Noah Porter, resigned, was passed.

Mr. Blair, rising to a personal explanation, said the statement that he, among other Senators, had violated an unconditional agreement to vote for the Elections bill was incorrect. He never signed such agreement except with the clear qualification that it should not interfere with his efforts for the consideration of the Elections bill.

Mr. Teller said his own opposition to the Elections bill had never grown out of his attitude on the silver question. He had never promised to support the Elections bill and never intended to support it. The credentials of Senator Cameron certifying his election for a new term were placed on file.

The Army Appropriation bill was then taken up. The amendment of the Committee on Appropriations to strike out the provision that Governmental transportation on land grant roads shall not exceed 50 per cent of the